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Examiner: Shailendra Kumar

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed March 15, 2004. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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Status of the Claims


Claims 18-20 are pending in the application. Claims 18-20 stand rejected under the doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,273 or over Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,265,610.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,265,610 and 6,498,273 to overcome the double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,


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